

Memorandum

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To: Barbara Evoy, Deputy Director
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State Water Resources Control Board
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Subject: **Request to Suspend Re-Adoption of Emergency Regulations on Mill, Deer, and Antelope Creeks Based on Hydrologic Conditions**

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) is scheduled to appear before the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) in April. This memo requests the Board suspend the consideration of re-adoption. Given current hydrologic conditions and snow accumulations, the Department does not anticipate the need for emergency regulations.

Mill, Deer, and Antelope creeks are critically important tributaries for listed anadromous salmonids in the Central Valley. The Department strongly supports the backstop of emergency regulations in the future, if necessary, to protect listed fish species on these creeks due to the ongoing impacts of multiple years of drought.

The Department has discussed this request with Howard Brown, National Marine Fisheries Service. Mr. Brown agrees a delay is appropriate at this time.

Department staff will continue providing Board staff updates on a monthly basis. If you have any questions, please contact the Department's Northern Region Inland Fisheries Program Manager Curtis Milliron at (530) 225-2280.

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